

Financial Aid News

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Legislative update

Lawmakers this week introduced the following bills of interest to the financial aid community:

- House Bill 1731 and Senate Bill 5676 would change key provisions in the Education Opportunity Grant program. Changes include extending the program to all 39 counties and allowing recipients to attend university branch campuses.
- Senate Bill 5420 would create a conditional scholarship program for future special education teachers.
- House Bill 1706 would change Promise Scholarship eligibility from students who demonstrate high school academic success to students who have overcome personal or financial barriers and show promise to succeed in college.

The full list of bills with financial aid implications starts on the next, followed by next week's hearing schedule and some online legislative resources. For information about other bills that the Higher Education Coordinating Board is tracking, contact Colleen Scovill at colleens@hecb.wa.gov or (360) 753-7850.

Keep in mind, most bills are still being heard in their committees of origin, and only a few have seen committee action. A bill must first pass its committee of origin before it receives further consideration. Once more bills start to move, we will provide weekly updates about their status.



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Online resources for tracking and analyzing legislation

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| Full text of bills and supporting materials: | http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/bills.cfm |
| Complete legislative hearing schedule: | http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/calendar.cfm |
| Live and archived Web broadcast of all hearings: | http://www.tvw.org |
| HECB 2003 legislative session site: | http://www.hecb.wa.gov/Leg/index.asp |

Senate bills of interest

| Bill Number (House Companion) | Description | Sponsor(s) |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| SB 5004 | Creates an endowed scholarship for Hispanic American students | Jacobsen |
| SB 5010 | Authorizes branch campuses to offer lower-division coursework | Jacobsen |
| SB 5135 | Requires students with an excess of 120 percent of the credits required for a degree or certificate to pay tuition equivalent to the full cost of instruction | Carlson, Kohl-Welles |
| SB 5136 | Expands membership of the Higher Education Coordinating Board to include the Superintendent of Public Instruction | Carlson, Schmidt |
| SB 5137 | Specifies that students who meet 10 th -grade reading and math standards on the Washington Assessment of Student Learning [WASL] shall be deemed to have met the state's general undergraduate admission requirements | Carlson |
| PSSB 5138 | Establishes meeting 10 th -grade reading and math standards on the Washington Assessment of Student Learning [WASL] as another avenue for students to qualify academically for the Promise Scholarship | Carlson |
| SB 5139 | Requires school districts to bear the cost of instruction for remedial postsecondary education course work, including student tuition | Carlson |
| SB 5158 | Authorizes resident tuition for certain undocumented students residing in Washington | Carlson, McAuliffe |
| SB 5189 | Exempts veterans of the Korean conflict from tuition increases | Benton |
| SB 5241 | Requires that the state budget provide funding for actual enrollments at public institutions; includes provisions for additional financial aid funding based on increases in enrollments and the costs of attendance | Kohl-Welles, Carlson |

Senate bills (continued)

| Bill Number (House Companion) | Description | Sponsor(s) |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| SB 5249 | Establishes the Higher Education for Lifelong Progress (HELP) program, which would provide grants to assist college-eligible Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) recipients for up to two years of higher education; allows participation in the HELP program to count toward TANF work requirements | Kohl-Welles, Shin |
| SB 5294 | Allows students enrolled in a postsecondary program and earning their full federal or state work study awards to count as full-time WorkFirst participants for a period of up to 24 months | Kohl-Welles, Regala |
| SB 5357 | Authorizes tuition waivers on a space-available basis for children of faculty at institutions of higher education | West, Sheahan |
| SB 5405 | Permits a limited number of students to use their State Need Grant awards out of state at select historically black colleges | Jacobsen |
| SB 5420 | Creates conditional scholarship program for future special education teachers | McAuliffe |
| SB 5448 (HB 1437) | Makes permanent institutional tuition-setting authority for all but resident undergraduates; existing authority expires June 30, 2003 | Carlson, Kohl-Welles |
| SB 5476 (HB 1486) | Exempts the surviving spouses and children of certain law enforcement officers or firefighters from paying tuition and fees | Haugen |
| SB 5660 (HB 1277) | Creates a supplemental educational assistance grant program for State Need Grant eligible students with dependents; private sources would fund the program entirely | Kohl-Welles, Carlson |
| SB 5676 (HB 1731) | Changes elements of the Educational Opportunity Grant program; financially needy placebound residents from all of the state's 39 counties may be eligible; recipients could attend branch campuses | Kohl-Welles |

House Bills of Interest

| Bill Number (Senate Companion) | Description | Sponsor(s) |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------|
| HB 1079 | Authorizes resident tuition for certain undocumented students residing in Washington | Kenney, Cox |
| HB 1123 | Ensures that unspent financial aid funds at the end of a fiscal year are preserved for financial aid purposes through the creation of a dedicated account | Kenney, Cox |
| HB 1277 (SB 5660) | Creates a supplemental educational assistance grant program for State Need Grant eligible students with dependents; private sources would fund the program entirely | Kenney, Cox |
| HB 1437 (SB 5448) | Makes permanent institutional tuition-setting authority for all but resident undergraduates; existing authority expires June 30, 2003 | Kenney, Cox |
| HB 1486 (SB 5476) | Exempts the surviving spouses and children of certain law enforcement officers or firefighters from paying tuition and fees | O'Brien |
| HB 1706 | Changes Promise Scholarship eligibility from students who demonstrate high school academic success to students "who have overcome personal or financial barriers and show promise to succeed" in college | Mastin, Grant |
| HB 1731 (SB 5676) | Changes elements of the Educational Opportunity Grant program; financially needy placebound residents from all of the state's 39 counties may be eligible; recipients could attend branch campuses | Kenney, Cox |

Hearings on financial aid and select higher education issues — Feb. 10 - 16

Monday, Feb. 10, 2003

Senate Higher Education Committee, 1:30 p.m., Senate Hearing Room 3

Public Hearing, including:

- Senate Gubernatorial Appointment, Stacey Valentin, Higher Education Coordinating Board
- SB 5476
- SB 5357
- SB 5189

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003

House Higher Education Committee, 10 a.m., House Hearing Room D

Work Session

Public Hearing:

- HB 1486

Possible Executive Session:

- HB 1123

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003

House Higher Education Committee joint with House Capital Budget Committee, 12:15 p.m., House Hearing Room B

Work Session/Public Hearing:

- The Higher Education Leadership Capital Proposal by former Governors Evans and Gardner

House Higher Education Committee, 1:30 p.m., House Hearing Room D

Public Hearing, including:

- HB 1277

Possible Executive Session, including:

- HB 1437

Thursday, February 13, 2003

Senate Higher Education Committee, 10 a.m., Senate Hearing Room 3

Public Hearing, including:

- SB 5137
- SB 5139
- SB 5420

Possible Executive Session

SWS staff: new assignments and a new face

This week, State Work Study (SWS) program coordinator Khris Blumer began assisting program veteran Cindy McBeth with more SWS management functions. Cindy, meanwhile, keeps her steady hand on the helm even as she looks toward retirement later this year.

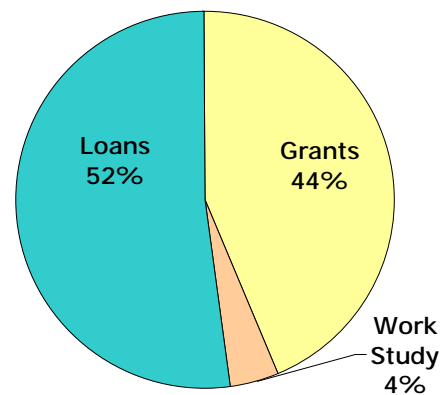
As Khris moves into new responsibilities, Jeffrey Powell joins the SWS staff this week as program coordinator. Jeffrey relocated to Olympia from the East Coast, where he earned a degree in political science and economics from the University of Vermont. You can reach Jeffrey at (360) 704-4150 or at jeffreyp@hecb.wa.gov.

2001-02 Unit Record fact of the week

About \$1 billion in financial aid was awarded to needy students during academic year 2001-02. Of that amount, more than half (52 percent) was in the form of loans administered by financial aid offices. Grants constituted 44 percent of the aid, with the remaining four percent awarded as work study.

Financial Aid Awarded to Needy Students, by Type of Assistance
2001-02 Academic Year

- Grants
- Work Study
- Loans



*Source: 2001-02 Unit Record Report,
as submitted by institutions*

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